

## Pop-Up Containers Supply List – Carol Wilhoit

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Pop-Ups are fun cylindrical storage containers made of fabric with a special spring inside. The spring holds up the Pop-Up, but it can be collapsed for storage until you are ready for it to pop up to its original size and shape. The pop-up springs are available in four sizes, ranging from 6" tall to 16" tall, and you can make any of the four sizes in class. Pick a fun fabric and make a few! Pop-ups are great for organizing sewing supplies, toys, and other household items. Pop-ups make great gifts and can also be used as gift bags to make gifts even more special.

### PATTERN, POP-UP SPRING AND FABRICS:

**Select the size of pop-up that you would like to make in class. The appropriate pattern, pop-up spring and fabric requirements depend upon the size that you plan to make.**

**NOTE:** Some fabrics have "directional prints\*\*" that need to be used carefully so that the print is correctly oriented in the finished pop-up. For example, a print that has people all standing with their feet toward one edge of the fabric should be vertical in the pop-up, as it would not look good if the fabric was used horizontally and the people were laying on their sides! Directional fabrics can make lovely pop-ups. However, extra fabric may be required.

- **Small Size (5 ½" diameter, 6" tall):**
  - Fat Quarter Pop-Up pattern from Fat Quarter Gypsy
  - "SMALL" (5 ½" diameter) pop-up spring
  - Fabric: one fat quarter (if print is non-directional) or at least 3/8 yard if you use a directional print\*\*
  - ½ yard fusible interfacing for light to midweight fabrics – Shape Flex works very well
- **Medium Size (8" diameter, 8" tall):**
  - Stacking Pop-Ups pattern from Fat Quarter Gypsy
  - "MEDIUM" (8" diameter) pop-up spring
  - Fabric: 1/3 yard for the outside of the pop-up (7/8 yard may be needed if you use a directional print\*\*)
  - Fabric: 1/3 yard for the inside of the pop-up (7/8 yard may be needed if you use a directional print\*\*)
  - Fusible interfacing for light to midweight fabrics – needs to be at least 20" wide: 7/8 yard – Shape Flex works very well
- **Large size (10 ½" diameter, 11" tall):**
  - Stacking Pop-Ups pattern from Fat Quarter Gypsy
  - "LARGE" (10½" diameter) pop-up spring
  - Fabric: 3/4 yard for the outside of the pop-up (1 yard may be needed if you use a directional print\*\*)
  - Fabric: 3/4 yard for the inside of the pop-up (1 yard may be needed if you use a directional print\*\*)
  - Fusible interfacing for light to midweight fabrics: 2 yards if the interfacing is 20" wide, or 1 yard if the interfacing is at least 40" wide – Shape Flex works very well
- **Extra Large size (14" diameter, 16" tall):**
  - Stacking Pop-Ups pattern from Fat Quarter Gypsy
  - "EXTRA LARGE" (14" diameter) pop-up spring
  - Fabric: 1 1/8 yards for the outside of the pop-up (1 5/8 yards may be needed if you use a directional print\*\*)
  - Fabric: 1 1/8 yards for the inside of the pop-up (1 5/8 yards may be needed if you use a directional print\*\*)
  - Fusible interfacing for light to midweight fabrics: 2 3/4 yards if the interfacing is 20" wide, OR 1 3/8 yard if the interfacing is at least 40" wide – Shape Flex works very well

### OTHER SUPPLIES

- Thread in a color to match your fabrics. Some stitching will show on the outside of the pop-up.
- Elastic: For the larger Pop-Ups, you can use elastic or you can make fabric ties instead.
  - Small: 8" of ¼" wide elastic
  - Medium: Elastic is OPTIONAL. You may use 12" of ½" wide elastic.
  - Large: Elastic is OPTIONAL. You may use 14" of ¾" wide elastic.
  - Extra Large: Elastic is OPTIONAL. You may use 16" of 1" wide elastic.

### TOOLS

- Sewing machine in good working order
  - Be sure that you know how to operate your machine, as the class will not focus on machine operation.
- Basic sewing supplies (scissors, pins, machine needles, bobbins, seam ripper, safety pins, scissors, tape measure, etc.)
- Rotary cutter with a sharp blade, cutting mat
- Quilters' rulers: bring a 24" long ruler. If you have a large square ruler, bring it.
- Fabric marker (pencil, washout marker or Frixion pens are good options)
- Large safety pins: at least 8 for the Extra Large size, or at least 4 for the other sizes
- Paper scissors

## ADVANCE PREPARATION

**While advance preparation is not essential, you will have more time for sewing in class if you fuse the interfacing and cut the rectangular pieces at home prior to class. This is particularly helpful if you are making a Large or Extra Large Pop-Up. If you do not have time or are not comfortable doing the fusing or cutting on your own, you can do these steps in class.**

**If you are using a directional fabric:** For all sizes, the longer edges of the fabric rectangle run around the circumference of the Pop-Up. So, for example, if you are making a Medium Pop-Up, one 26½” edge of the fabric will be around the base of the Pop-Up and the other 26½” edge will be around the top. You would want to orient the directional fabric accordingly.

Circle templates will be available in class for cutting the circular bottoms. Bring the remaining fabric and interfacing to class, so that you can cut the round bottoms and “just in case” you need to cut any additional pieces.

1. Cut the interfacing to the correct size for the size of Pop-Up that you are making, as shown in the table below. The interfacing is cut a little larger than the final size.
2. Fuse the interfacing to the wrong side of the fabric (for the Small Fat Quarter Pop-Up) or to the wrong side of both the outer and inner fabrics (for the Medium, Large, or Extra Large Pop-Ups.) It is not necessary to cut the fabric to size before fusing.
3. From the fused fabric, cut rectangles to the size shown in the table below.
4. For the Medium, Large, or Extra Large Pop-Ups, cut the loop/ties (if desired) from fabric without interfacing.

<b>Size of Pop-Up</b>	<b>Size to Cut Interfacing</b>	<b>After fusing the interfacing to fabric, size to cut the fused fabric/interfacing</b>	<b>OPTIONAL: Cut loop/ties to this size from non-interfaced fabric</b>
Small (Fat Quarter) – one fabric	One piece, 18” x 13 ½”	17 ½” x 13” (one piece of fabric)	Not applicable
Medium	Two pieces, 10” x 27”	9 ½” x 26 ½” – cut one from inner fabric and one from outer fabric	Loop: 1 ½” x 4” Ties: 1 ½” x width of fabric (about 40”)
Large	Two pieces, 13” x 35”	12 ½” x 34 ½” – cut one from inner fabric and one from outer fabric	Loop: 1 ½” x 4” Ties: 1 ½” x width of fabric (about 40”)
Extra Large	Four pieces, 18” x 24”	17 ½” x 23” – cut TWO from inner fabric and TWO from outer fabric	Loop: 1 ½” x 4” Ties: cut two pieces, each 1 ½” x width of fabric (about 40”)

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